

THE MARKINGS

MISSION: To share the love of Jesus with and through the people of Talbot County and beyond.

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 100 PEACHBLOSSOM ROAD, EASTON, MD 21601

APRIL 2019

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Our Vision:

St. Mark's Church will inspire people of all ages through acts of love and service to know Jesus Christ.

Dear Members and Friends,

Waiting is never easy is it? I am finding out as I grow older, waiting is something I ask God to help me with on a regular basis. As I stand in line at a store, drive behind slow drivers, or even waiting in traffic (downtown Easton -LOL) After all of these rainy days, I am waiting for Spring to finally arrive with sunshine and warmth. This time of year reminds us of the important role waiting holds in God's world. My garden is calling my name. Last Fall I planted A LOT of flower bulbs - Tulips, Hyacinths, and Crocus around the parsonage. I have spent all winter waiting to see what my spring view would be (after the Squirrels ate so many – NOT HAPPY!) I also recently planted seeds in a few planters because we love fresh spinach, kale, and lettuce. Every day I run outback to see if the seeds sprouted. But AGAIN, I have to WAIT, wait, and wait!! There is nothing I can do to speed up the process. I can add all the water I want, pull weeds here or there, but I still have to wait.

We are about to celebrated a wonderful season of Easter: I heard that when Leonardo da Vinci was painting his famous painting entitled the "Last Supper" he frequently just stood for hours in front of the picture. Hours went by and he never produced a single brush stroke. He was criticized by his impatient critics who wanted him to hurry up and complete his artwork. He replied, "When I pause the longest, I make the most telling strokes". The artist's waiting is a type of creative development that often requires the same measured progress as a seed growing in the soil. A special kind of waiting is required to bring beauty into being.

Life requires the same of many of us. It takes patient waiting to heal from an illness. Joint sprains require delays before they return to normal use. Emotional stress is no different. The mending of crushed feelings and torn ligaments of our soul, also require precious healing to return to normal. Recovery from spiritual trauma is about taking time.

God also teaches His children there is an importance to waiting. We are called to wait upon Him, as He offers renewal. I cannot count the many times our Heavenly Father has exchanged my weakness and foolishness for His Strength and wisdom. Waiting on God in faith is what we are called to do, quietly, calmly, and serenely waiting. We may not like waiting but it is something God requires of us. ***But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*** Isaiah 40:31

As we reflect on upcoming days of Easter, may we not forget that waiting is a critical virtue in God's world. We must also not forget that waiting is a key word in the Christian's vocabulary.

Peace, *Pastor Ed*

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

George & Phyllis Carroll, on their 61th wedding anniversary, April 12th

Bill & Betty Fleming, on their 65th wedding anniversary, April 17th.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Darlene Baldwin by Kathryn & Raymond Busen, Marcia Kirby.

Les Chance by Wally & Claudia Knox.

Sarah Stoner by Bill & Betty Fleming.

Don Casson by Michael Lyons, Rod & Joan Wolff, William Duncan, Pat Vistgaitis, Joan Cox, George & Bobbie Seger, Tom & Cathy Hill, Shirley Gooch, Ray & Gini Appler, Garey & Donn Kostens, Carolyn Morton, Lloyd & Nancy Beatty, Jennings & Lisa Hastings, Evelyn Graybeal, Jack & Carolyn Batty, Jim & Sheila Scott, David & Jackie Dianich, Jean Everhgam, Edward & Helen Thieler, Rodney & Linda Spring, Donald & Barbara Osburn, Craig, Dot & Chuck Chambers, Phyllis & Lee Bailey, Shore United Bank, Wally & Claudia Knox, Faw Casson & Co. LLP, Bill & Betty Fleming, Rita Petitt, Wade & Janice Dudrow, Moorhead Vermilye, Audrey Chambers, Anna Fichtner, Tom & Betty Barwick, Pat Lewers, Keith & Azra Ligon, Thomas & Carol Skiba, Pamela Golan, Stephanie J.E. Nicoll, Christopher & Beverly Spurry, John & Marilyn Morris.

THANK YOU

To all of you with warmest thanks, Thank you so much for the throw! It has truly helped in keeping me warm! Thank you again, Phyllis Matthai

Thank you! Ann & ladies, Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon you provided & generous donations. We've received so many compliments for the food & services provided. Your support took a tremendous weight from our shoulders. The Baldwin Family

Dear Prayer Shawl ministry, Thank you for the blanket given to my father William Bradshaw. It will bring him comfort & warmth as he regains his strength. On behalf of my father, Ray & I appreciate your concern & prayers. Barbara Kraeer

LET US PRAY FOR

Candlelight Cove - Joy Kyak, Mary Rabenhorst

Londonderry - Liz Lechthaler

Heartfields - Jim & Wanda Denny

Bayleigh Chase - Gardens - Lois Dabbert, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson

Autumn Lake Health - Nettie Robinson, Ruth Pippin, Lee Walker

Mallard Bay - Deborah Henry

AT HOME

Sharon Maisano	Bruce Hotchkiss
Ruby Carter	Cathy Tull
Phyllis Carroll	Pat (Charlotte) Higgins
Howard Higgins	

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

GySgt. Harold S. Brice/USMC

CPT. Jacob Shores/ U.S. Army

Sgt. Sarah Royer Golden/USMC

**OUR GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Wings of Caring, Central Congo
 Paul Lee Webster, Missionary
 Mujila Falls Ag Centre Zambia
 Africa University, Zimbabwe
 Mulungwishi Seminary scholarship
 Lifetime Wells International, Kenny Wood
 Six Special U.M. Sundays
 African Leadership Resources, Rev.
 Labala
 Central Congo Partnership

St. Mark's Bus Ministry



St. Mark's Bus Ministry is in need of bus drivers & assistants. On **Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. & Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m.**, Eric Steward, Bus Ministry Coordinator, is providing a bus training for drivers & assistants. You only need to attend one day. Drivers can be ages 21 & older & must have a valid Driver's License (**a CDL is not necessary!**)

This ministry offers church members the opportunity to provide vital ministry to those who are not able to drive themselves to church. Members who attend the 8:15 & 11 a.m. services are best suited for this ministry since they do not need to miss church services to participate. The bus service is only offered at this time for the 11 a.m. service. For further information, contact Eric Steward at 443-786-4175 or sign up in the Gathering Area. Participants will meet in the church parking lot.



PLEASE & THANK YOU!

Those magic words...**PLEASE** consider signing up to help host Coffee Fellowship. We have a few spots still open on the sign-up sheet located in the Gathering Area. Our last Sunday for Coffee Fellowship will be Sunday, May 19. After that, we will have to make our own coffee & snacks at home on Sunday mornings until the Fall. Oh my!

THANK YOU to all who have contributed in many ways to this fun time of fellowship. Special thanks to the United Methodist Women who showed up in great force to cover the first four weeks of March.



If you would like to sign up or just want more information, call Kathy Miller 443-235-0256.

Blood Pressure Monitor

Our church received a letter from Liz Whitby from the Talbot County Health Department stating that they had received a grant to provide free blood pressure monitors. I assumed in the beginning that it would require a nurse to provide use of the monitor; as was the case some years ago, when St. Mark's made this available to our congregation. However on March 18, when Karen Reed & I met with Ms. Whitby, we learned that the monitor can be used by the person checking their own blood pressure. She demonstrated the monitor & both Karen & I used it.

The monitor is now set up on a desk in the outer office space. There are tags on it explaining how to use it. Then there are small pieces of paper to record your results - simply drop your response in the white box. The T.C.H.D. needs this feedback as a part of follow up for the grant. You will also find information sheets in the second drawer – “Know The Facts About High Blood Pressure” & “Understanding Blood Pressure”. In addition, Ms. Whitby said they still have some free monitors. So if you would like to have one at home, simply tear off one of the little pieces of paper with her name & phone number; & call her to see if they still have one available before you make a trip there. Della Andrew



There are exciting things happening within our Christian Education Division here at St. Mark's! Our Youth Group is expanding & will start meeting twice a week after Easter. We recently announced that our Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 29th-August 2nd this year & our theme is “Farm Fresh Faith”. Craft Nights started in late March & will continue in the weeks ahead for both adults & children. Small group Bible Studies are currently happening & being planned. Our church even recently obtained a new Church Video License which gives us the opportunity to view popular movies throughout the year. Our Sunday School division always welcomes new classes, helpers & volunteers too.

However, one thing is missing... YOU! We need your help to make things happen. We can plan great events to bring our church family together, but it takes more than one person to spread the love of God.

We invite you to come connect with us. Come learn how you can volunteer with any of these opportunities. Come hear our vision & we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas with us too!

Join us on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30pm in the Chapel for a brief gathering. This is a gathering for both new & current volunteers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Ed at: (410) 822-0001, ext. 305 or christianed@stmarkseaston.org



**YOUTH
GROUP**



**CRAFT
Night**



April Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

April 7th, Lenten Cantata Sunday

9:30 & 11:00 Worship Services

We will worship with music and scripture as the Choir presents

“A Love So Wondrous”

A movement of Word and Song

This cantata will highlight the Lenten journey of reflection and repentance as we consider the steps of the path Jesus undertook towards the cross for the redeeming of the world.

**There will not be the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning*

April 14th Palm Sunday

Join us in worship as we begin our Holy Week observances with a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the first steps of his final journey to the cross.

Easter Tryptic – Three Services, One Story

April 17th

Maundy Thursday 7:15pm

Jesus's last supper with his Disciples

April 18th

Good Friday 7pm

A Funeral for Jesus

April 21 Easter Sunday!

Outside Sunrise 6:00 outside main entrance

8:15, 9:30, 11:00 in Sanctuary

And a breakfast (7:00) by our UM Men's Group

Scott Clausen, Director of Music and Worship, can be reached at:

Music Office (410) 822-0001, ext. 306

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org



United
Methodist
Women

UMW April Circle Meetings:

Tabitha Circle - April 1 - 7:00 -
Church Room TBD

Esther Circle - April 2 - 10:00
home of Claudette Ross (Carpool
from church @ 9:40am)

Mary Circle - April 2 - 10:00 -
Gathering Area

Sarah Circle - April 9 - 7:00 -
Gathering Area

*GOD
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GOOD*

St. Mark's United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of St. Mark's United Methodist Church meet every month on the second Tuesday, except July at 6:30 pm at the church. Our agenda consists of a monthly bible study and working on various projects to benefit the Church and its members, our United Methodist District and our local community. All men of the Church are considered members and we encourage all men to join us in fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are studying the Book of Proverbs.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Dinner served over 140 persons. The free-will offering covered most of our expenses for which we thank the congregation. This is an annual event and we look forward to serving the church again next year.

On April 13th we will be at the Pecometh Camp and Retreat Center for the annual Volunteer Day and the men and women of the church gather at Camp Pecometh in Centreville to clean and repair the St. Mark's Cabin in the woods for the upcoming summer camp season. Repairs this year look to be minimal as we have done extensive work the last three years so cleaning and clearing the grounds will be the call of the day. Plan to bring broom, buckets, cleaning solutions and gloves. We will leave the church at 8 O'clock and return by 2:00 pm. Car pool if you can.

The 21st is Easter Sunday and the men will be cooking and serving breakfast beginning at 7:00 am until 10:00 am. All your breakfast favorites like eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, and scrapple will be served along with several new items to be served. The breakfast is offer-ed free of charge to the church. Plan to go to the sunrise service and stay for the meal or join us before or after worship up to 10:00 am.

If you would like to receive email notices of our meetings and the projects we are working on, please email Roger Eareckson, President of the UM Men at earecksonr@yahoo.com and I will put you in our email bank so you will know what we are doing and how you can help.



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle	1	2	3	4	5	6
Meetings on						9a—12p Rehearsal/Choir Sanctuary
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No communion 9:30 & 11 only 2-4 Youth Group		7 p UMM				11a Mort Reed/Memorial Sanctuary
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2-4 Youth Group Palm Sunday		9:30a UMW	1 pm Prayer Shawl	6p Soup & Bread/FSH 7:15 Maundy Thursday Communion	7p Good Friday	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday 6a Sunrise/Chapel 815,930 & 11 Sanctuary	Church Office Closed					
28	29	30				
2-4 Youth Group		6:30 pm Trustees				
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2-4 Youth Group						

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15 am Worship Chapel
9:30 am Worship Sanctuary
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages begins in Sanctuary
11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Prayer Group in chapel

THURSDAY

1:00 pm Christian Doctrine Course
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

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Join us for Holy Week & Easter

April 14th Palm Sunday 8:15 in the Chapel, 9:30 & 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

April 17th 6:00 pm Bread & Soup Meal in Fellowship hall by UM Women

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:15 pm in Sanctuary

April 18th 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

April 21 Easter Sunday 6:00 am Sunrise outside main

Entrance, Breakfast by UM Men 7:00am

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am in Sanctuary

Monday, April 22nd Church Office will be closed



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 generosity
 simple...**



We are really excited to introduce a new, easy way to give! You can now give simply and easily using Pushpay for your tithes, offerings, special gifts & even dinners!

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